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Remarks

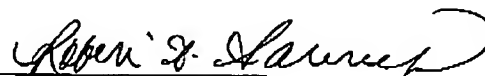
Claims 1-48 are pending in this patent application. The Examiner has required the election of a species, and the Examiner has identified two patentably distinct species (Figures 1-8 and 14 and Figures 9-13).

Applicants elect the first species (Figures 1-8 and 14) for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The claims readable on the elected species are: claims 4, 16, and 29-48. The remaining claims (claims 1-3, 5-15, and 17-28) are deemed to be generic.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter, the Examiner is welcome to contact the under-signed representative for the Applicants.

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